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Remarks

Claims 1-63 were previously cancelled. New claims 72-83 have been added in the present Amendment. Claims 64-83 are currently pending in the instant application.

Amendment After Allowance Under 37 CFR § 1.312

The amendments and remarks set forth herein are submitted after the Notice of Allowance dated January 26, 2011 in the above-identified case.

As set forth in MPEP § 714.16, amendments shown "(A) to be needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention, and (B) to require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office," may be considered and, "if proper, entry may be recommended by the primary examiner."

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments included herewith are needed for proper disclosure and protection of the invention and require no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. More specifically, the amendments are simply additional dependent claims, depending directly or indirectly from the independent claims that have already been recognized as patentable. As such, the remarks included in the prior Response dated November 4, 2010 apply to the new dependent claims added in the instant Response, and thus claims 72-83 are allowable for the same reasons as the pending independent claims.

During the Examiner Interview on Tuesday, October 19, 2010, Examiner Bockelman suggested that the best approach to ensure efficient prosecution of any proposed claims was to submit only a small number of dependent claims and then subsequently supplement those claims with additional dependent claims upon receipt of a Notice of Allowance. Applicants thank Examiner Bockelman for this suggestion, and hereby submit the instant Amendment to supplement the dependent claims based on that suggestion.

Support for New Claims

Support for new dependent claim 72 can be found at paragraph 85 of the instant application as filed, throughout the remainder of the specification, and in the claims as filed.

Support for new dependent claim 73 can be found at paragraphs 48 and 85 of the instant application as filed, throughout the remainder of the specification, and in the claims as filed.

Support for new dependent claim 74 can be found at paragraph 34 of the instant application as filed, throughout the remainder of the specification, and in the claims as filed.

Support for new dependent claim 75 can be found at paragraph 32 of the instant application as filed, throughout the remainder of the specification, and in the claims as filed.

Support for new dependent claim 76 can be found at paragraph 38 of the instant application as filed, throughout the remainder of the specification, and in the claims as filed.

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Support for new dependent claim 77 can be found at paragraphs 36, 72, and 73 of the instant application as filed, throughout the remainder of the specification, and in the claims as filed.

Support for new dependent claim 78 can be found at paragraph 85 of the instant application as filed, throughout the remainder of the specification, and in the claims as filed.

Support for new dependent claim 79 can be found at paragraphs 48 and 85 of the instant application as filed, throughout the remainder of the specification, and in the claims as filed.

Support for new dependent claim 80 can be found at paragraph 34 of the instant application as filed, throughout the remainder of the specification, and in the claims as filed.

Support for new dependent claim 81 can be found at paragraph 37 of the instant application as filed, throughout the remainder of the specification, and in the claims as filed.

Support for new dependent claim 82 can be found at paragraph 32 of the instant application as filed, throughout the remainder of the specification, and in the claims as filed.

Support for new dependent claim 83 can be found at paragraph 38 of the instant application as filed, throughout the remainder of the specification, and in the claims as filed.

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Conclusion

Applicants thank the Examiner for recognizing the allowability of claims 64-71, and respectfully submit that dependent claims 72-83 are also in condition for allowance. A supplemental Notice of Allowance for all pending claims is respectfully requested.

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